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The terrible storm on the 23d of this month, was very severely felt in this place. The wind was east in the morning, and pretty strong. Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the forenoon it shifted to the south-east, and afterwards to the south. It appears to have been most violent about the time of its changing, both before and after, for chimneys were blown both to the west and north, but shingles and slates, that were torn from the roofs of buildings, were carried to the greatest distance in the direction of about three points west of north. The greatest destruction took place between half past 10 and half past 11, the wind varying from south-east to south, and being at the same time more and less violent alternately. The rain ceased about the time the wind changed. A clear sky was visible in many places, during the greatest violence of the tempest, and clouds might be seen moving very rapidly in the direction of the wind. The air had an unusual appearance. It was somewhat darkened by the excessive agitation, and filled with the leaves of trees and other light substances raised from the ground, which were whirled about in eddies instead of being driven directly forward, as in a common storm. The river raged and foamed like the sea in a storm, and the spray was raised to the height of fifty or sixty feet, in the form of thin white clouds, which were drifted along in a kind of waves, like snow in a violent snow storm. Several persons in attempting to reach the river were driven back, when they came to an open place, by the force of the wind, and were obliged to make several efforts, before they could overcome the violence of the pressure. It was impossible to stand still in a place exposed to the full force of the wind. Being abroad with several others, we were obliged to shelter ourselves behind some obstacle, or to keep moving about; and as we passed from one place to another, we inclined our bodies towards the wind, as if we were ascending a steep hill. It was with great difficulty, that we could hear each other speak at the distance of two or three yards. The wind pressed like a rapid current of water, and we moved about almost as awkwardly as those do, who attempt to wade in a strong tide. The barometer descended very fast all the morning, and at the time the wind was highest had fallen about half an inch. It began to rise as the wind abated, and recovered its former elevation by the time the air was restored to its usual tranquillity.